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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. - 31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method for grasping a selected portion of tissue from a surface of a body cavity, comprising the steps of:

inserting into the body cavity an insertion device;

advancing a substantially transparent flexible cup through a lumen of the insertion device in a folded insertion configuration;

advancing the flexible cup distally from the lumen of the insertion device, wherein the flexible cup deploys to an operative configuration in which the flexible cup is substantially funnel shaped as it exits the lumen;

visually positioning the flexible cup adjacent to the selected portion of tissue by observing the selected portion of tissue at least partially through the flexible cup; and

applying a vacuum pressure to an interior of the flexible cup, the vacuum pressure causing to draw the selected portion of tissue to move from a position outside of the flexible cup to a position in an interior of the flexible cup thereinto; and

further comprising the step of, after applying the vacuum pressure to the interior of the flexible cup, providing a positive pressure to the flexible cup to at least partially eject the selected portion of tissue from the flexible cup.

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35. (Currently Amended) A method for grasping a selected portion of tissue from a surface of a body cavity, comprising the steps of:

inserting into the body cavity an insertion device;

advancing a substantially transparent flexible cup through a lumen of the insertion device in a folded insertion configuration;

advancing the flexible cup distally from the lumen of the insertion device, wherein the flexible cup deploys to an operative configuration in which the flexible cup is substantially funnel shaped as it exits the lumen;

visually positioning the flexible cup adjacent to the selected portion of tissue by observing the selected portion of tissue at least partially through the flexible cup; and

applying a vacuum pressure to an interior of the flexible cup, the vacuum pressure causing to draw the selected portion of tissue to move from a position outside of the flexible cup to a position in an interior of the flexible cup thereinto; further comprising the steps of:

fastening portions of tissue around a periphery of the selected portion of tissue; and

severing the selected portion of tissue from the surrounding tissue,

wherein the portions of tissue around the periphery of the selected portion of tissue are fastened together by stapling.